

Remarks

In the office action, claims 1-36 were rejected. An Examiner Interview was held on or around September 10, 2008. In the Examiner interview, the Examiner conceded that the incorporation of claims 5, 7, and 8 into claim 1 would put claim 1 in condition for allowance. Similar amendments to the remaining independent claims would put the Application in condition for allowance.

The Applicant has taken this opportunity to amend the claims as suggested, and therefore, respectfully asserts that the Application is in condition for allowance. The Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner withdraw their rejections and move the case to issuance.

Conclusion

Claims 5, 7, 8, 14, and 16 have been canceled without prejudice of disclaimer. Consequently, claims 1-4, 6, 9-13, 15, and 17-36 remain pending. No claims have been added. As set forth above, Applicants submit that these claims are allowable and thus respectfully request their allowance. If the examiner has any questions regarding the substance of this office action response, he is invited to contact the undersigned at 503-796-2408.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge shortages or credit overpayments to Deposit Account No. 500393.

Respectfully submitted,
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